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Rule 49.1 Office of Professional Regulation of the Supreme Court of Iowa. There is hereby created the Office of Professional Regulation of the Supreme Court of Iowa. The office of professional regulation shall consist of the following persons:

49.1(1) A director, who shall be appointed by the supreme court. The director shall be responsible to the supreme court for the administration and program functions of the continuing legal education commission, the client security commission, the lawyer trust account commission, the grievance commission, the attorney disciplinary board, the unauthorized practice of law commission, the board of examiners of shorthand reporters, and the board of law examiners. The director also shall be responsible for administration of the court interpreter examination and licensing program.

49.1(2) An assistant director for admissions, who shall be appointed by the director with the approval of the supreme court. The assistant director for admissions shall be responsible to the director of the office of professional regulation for the administration of bar admissions, the board of law examiners, and the court interpreter examination and licensing program.

49.1(3) An assistant director for boards and commissions, who shall be appointed by the director with the approval of the supreme court. The assistant director for boards and commissions shall be responsible to the director of the office of professional regulation for the administration of the continuing legal education commission, the client security commission, the grievance commission, and the unauthorized practice of law commission. The assistant director for boards and commissions shall assist with administration of other commissions and matters as directed.

49.1(4) An assistant director for attorney discipline, who shall be appointed by the director with the approval of the supreme court. The assistant director for attorney discipline shall be responsible to the director of the office of professional regulation for the administration of the attorney disciplinary board.

49.1(5) Such other staff members as the supreme court may from time to time direct, who shall be appointed by the director with the approval of the court.

[Court Order December 5, 2007]

Rule 49.2 Board and commission budgets. Annual budgets for the continuing legal education commission, the client security commission, the lawyer trust account commission, the grievance commission, the board of examiners of shorthand reporters, the board of law examiners, the unauthorized practice of law commission, and the court interpreter examination and licensing program, shall be prepared for each fiscal year running from July 1 through June 30. At least 60 days prior to the start of each fiscal year, the director shall submit to the supreme court annual operating budgets for each of these boards and commissions, which may be amended as necessary.

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Rule 49.3 Transitional rule for implementing chapter 49. The provisions of chapter 49 shall be implemented according to the following schedule:

49.3(1) The director shall assume responsibility for administration of the continuing legal education commission, the client security commission, the lawyer trust account commission, the grievance commission, the unauthorized practice of law commission, the attorney disciplinary board and the board of examiners of shorthand reporters on December 5, 2007. Rule 49.1(3) pertaining to the assistant director for boards and commissions, rule 49.1(4) pertaining to the assistant director for attorney discipline, and rule 49.1(5) pertaining to other staff members shall take effect commencing December 5, 2007.

49.3(2) The director shall assume responsibility for the administration of the court interpreter examination and licensing program and for bar admissions other than by examination on April 1, 2008. Rule 49.1(2) pertaining to the assistant director for admissions shall take effect commencing April 1, 2008, except for administration of the bar examination.

49.3(3) The director shall assume responsibility for administration of the board of law examiners on September 1, 2008. That portion of rule 49.1(2) pertaining to the administration of the bar examination shall take effect commencing September 1, 2008.

49.3(4) The director shall be responsible for submitting annual budgets as provided in rule 49.2 commencing with budgets for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008.
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